

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q76266

Hiroyuki ASAOKO, et al.

Appln. No.: Unknown

Group Art Unit: Unknown

Confirmation No.: Unknown

Examiner: Unknown

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For: MODIFIED REDUCTASE AND ITS GENE, AND USE THEREOF

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages and as allowed by the new format specified in the Official Gazette Notice of February 25, 2003, entitled, *Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted*, wherein the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 (a-d) have been waived.